

**MONROE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015**

7:30 p.m.

1. The regular meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson at 7:30 p.m. The Allegiance was led by Council Member Perry Payne and prayer was given by Council Member Joe Anderson.

Present:

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson

Council Members

Troy Torgersen

Fran Washburn

Joe Anderson

Perry Payne

Devin Magleby – Public Works Director

Allison Leavitt- City Treasurer

Daniel Peterson – Power Superintendent

Robert Lee – Parks Superintendent

Citizens

Nan Roberts – Little Green Valley Fun Civic League

James Cluff – Splash Pad USA

Max White – White's Sanitation

Taylor White – White's Sanitation

Ed Oldroyd

Mayor excused Council Member Johnny Parsons and City Recorder Emalee Curtis

Approval of minutes of previous meeting- Council members reviewed the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting. **A motion was made by Council Member Fran Washburn seconded by Council Member Perry Payne to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015 City Council Meeting with corrections. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

2. Citizen input - None

3. Business

A. White's Sanitation- Proposed contract renewal

Max White presented to the city a copy of a new contract which will be effective October 1, 2015. Changes made in following sections of contract.

#4 Base price change from \$8.00 per month to \$8.50.

#13 Delivery/Pick up charge for temporary disconnected customer – Monroe staff is very good at keeping record and tracking of customer name changes – White's have waived

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this fee, but the contract states that they can charge if need be.

#14 White's has provided two dumpsters at no charge for cleanup week. New contracts states four dumpsters. With recent town cleanup we used 8 dumpsters.

Basically the only change is in the base rate.

White's only problem is the overuse of curb side pickup when someone is moving out. Allison will put in the next newsletter reminders of what can and cannot be picked up with curbside service, namely items need to be able to be handled by one person of reasonable strength.

Council told White's that we really appreciate the service they do for our city.

A motion was made by Council Member Perry Payne, seconded by Council Member Fran Washburn to accept the new contract as written. Council Member Torgersen asked if the political subdivision is this correct verbiage, White's will take care of that to make sure it's correct. **All were in favor. Motion carried.**

B. Splash Pad USA – Splash pad progress

James Cluff, Splash Pad USA, informed the council that Kevin Boyle will no longer be helping with the splash pad and the donor connected with Kevin will no longer participate either.

Because of these changes Mr. Cluff and Nan Roberts, Little Green Valley Fun President, have talked with Monte Bona, Council Member of Mt. Pleasant, UT and he is willing to help with applying for a grant with the Eccles Foundation.

Mr. Bona is very familiar with Monroe and has been involved in getting grants to improve the Red Hills project and restoring the Carol Theatre. Mayor Nilsson told Mr. Cluff that the city is willing to talk with Mr. Bona and welcome his assistance in submitting an application with the Eccles Foundation for help with collecting the needed funds to complete the splash pad.

Council Member Joe Anderson asked questions of Mr. Cluff concerning the the cost of maintaining the pad. Mr. Cluff stated cost to be minimal which should not be more than a few hundred dollars for chemicals, which can be purchased from any pool supply business. At the time of completion Splash Pad USA will give the city enough chemicals for the first year of operation. Council Member Anderson asked about children safety while playing on the pad, Mr. Cluff stated there is no more danger of children falling and getting hurt on the splash pad than there is on the regular play ground. Council Member Payne asked about regulations, Mr. Cluff explained that at this time the local health department sets the standards to be followed. Allison received phone call from person in Central Valley who is working on their splash pad and she also stated that Mike Grimlie at the Central Utah Health Dept. was who set the standard for theirs. When it comes time to start construction Splash Pad USA will take care of all permits needed.

Mr. Cluff told the council that they have called on previous customers and they are all very pleased with their splash pads. Splash Pad USA is currently constructing a splash pad in Escalante, and he encouraged the city to contact them with any question they may have.

Council member Fran Washburn asked Nan Roberts where we stood with the fund raising effort,

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she stated that we're about half way in raising the \$30,000.00 needed. Council Member Troy Torgersen asked where the funds were being kept, she stated that majority of it was in the Little Green Valley Fun Civic League account and some was in the city's account. Fran asked Mr. Cluff how long his firm would honor the price of \$60,000.00. Mr. Cluff stated he would honor it for a year from now.

Unless regulations from health department tells us different the splash pad will be constructed on the north east corner of the Mtn. View Park, where the horse shoe pit currently is.

Mayor acknowledged the hard work Nan has put into this project and looks forward to meeting with Monte Bona to work on funding.

C. Discussion – Review of posting for new position Apprentice lineman/ General Maintenance

Council reviewed rough draft of posting for new apprentice lineman/general maintenance position. It was decided to change the position title to public works employee. Changes council discussed was time limit on obtaining CDL license, journeyman lineman, and applicant does not need to live in Monroe to be hired but would need to relocate once hired. Council would just like a little more clarification in the posting. Mayor asked Council Member Torgersen to work with Allison to make changes and have it placed in the classified section of the Richfield Reaper starting June 3rd. The ad will run for two weeks, take a week for interviews, this will bring us close to a July 1st hire date.

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4. Staff Reports

Allison Leavitt – Informed council that Emalee is still not feeling well and does not know when she may be returning to work.

Daniel Peterson, Power Superintendent – Daniel stated he has a couple of things to talk about. The carbon free power plant, which they refer to as a mini nuclear plant. They want to make a decision on moving to the next step, which is to pin down a actual site, possibly in Idaho. To do this they need to begin collecting information, such as availability of water and seismic testing. Before they can move ahead they are asking cities for a verbal commitment to help with lawyer fees, and other associated costs. This will be a little piece at a time and any time a city chooses to opt out they can. By the time this plant will be producing electricity IPP will no longer be viable and the Hunter plant will be to end of its life span, so our only option will be natural gas or nuclear. The government right now is throwing a lot of money towards this type of plant because they want to see it happen. Right now the estimate cost for power is 7 cents per kWh which is a little more than gas; however, gas will be the next target so its price will increase. As for Monroe our financial commitment is quite small, approximately \$1000.00 right now to help decide location site. These are built like a parking garage but you have to build the whole lot and then fill up the spaces as needed. Cities in California are interested in this with one city wanting to

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commit now, and other cities are watching. We are not signing on the dotted line yet, however this gets our foot in the door. Council Member Payne feels like we need to get involved with this. Council gave Daniel permission to give a verbal okay.

Rocky Mtn. Power contacted Daniel again about the repair on the transmission line into Monroe. This is the line that when we have a long outage, such as the ten hour outage we recently experienced was because of failure on this line. They know that this line is need of repair. The wires are very old and brittle. This line is in the middle of fields and will take some time to rebuild. So they would like to build a distribution line from Elsinore down Brooklyn Road and back into Monroe along 500 north. Then have us build a distribution line down 300 west going north to connect with their line at 500 North. The benefits of doing this, is there will be minimal cost to the city, a couple of poles and building of a distribution line, no disruption of service to customers, and once line is completed we would have two transmission lines coming into Monroe in case of an emergency. This project will begin in October or early spring, when peak usage is lower. Council Member Payne feels like this is the best to avoid the town of being without power and very cost effective. Daniel recommends that the city do this. Council agreed, Daniel will contact Rocky Mtn. Power and tell them to proceed with this plan.

The city has recently been contacted by a company who wants to build a turkey farm south of town. It would consist of 14 barns which would have an estimated power load of 25% of what Monroe now uses. For our system to accommodate this we would have to rebuild our substation. It is not in our district and Rocky Mountain Power would have to give permission for us to service them. Daniel feels like this kind of usage is out of our league and exactly the kind of customer Rocky Mtn. Power wants. This will have to be between the business owners and Rocky Mtn. Power.

Heber City is selling a generator, however it is not large enough to help our city in the event of a power outage.

Bob Lee, Park Superintendent, stated there were no problems over Memorial Day weekend. They have started planting the ball fields and soccer field with new grass seed- they had to replant grass because rain last fall flooded ball fields and grass did not come up this spring.

His crew has been busy getting ready for Memorial Day so Devin and Rod have been doing a lot of the work at the park. Both the park and the cemetery are looking good, Bob stated he has good workers and they are getting the job done.

They experimented on settling graves then planting grass seed, instead of sod, this seems to working good. This cannot be done with all spaces, especially when there is not enough time before Memorial Day to have the grass established and looking nice. Inmates come every other week to help with trimming around the headstones, we provide the trimmers and they do the work. American Legion was happy with flag markers and so was the city, we think we may have solved the problem of markers being in the way of the mower.

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5. Department Business - reports and concerns - law enforcement concerns

Councilmember Joseph Anderson - Streets Department, Weeds, Equipment, Sr. Citizens

With all the rain we will have a new crop of weeds- city did receive shipment of spray for killing weeds.

Councilmember Perry Payne - Electric, Mosquito Abatement, Utility Board

Business already discussed earlier in meeting.

Councilmember Fran Washburn - Parks, Cemetery, Planning Commission

Has seen a large white dump truck dumping in the rock pile, is this okay, it appeared that the gate was left open. The rock pile does have a combination lock same as the limb pile, which is changed weekly and people need to contact the city office for combination. Someone from the school district had contacted the city for the combination and we believe the white dump truck was probably them. It was recommended that maybe signage for the rock pile, such as at the limb pile, might help with items being dump that should not be. Again we need to encourage citizens to use White Sanitation. Fran will be gone for next council meeting on June 9th.

Councilmember Johnny Parsons - Water, Irrigation, Wastewater, Fire Department- absent

Councilmember Troy Torgersen - Library, CERT, EMS, Landfill, Garbage, Youth Council-

Business already discussed earlier in meeting

Mayor R. Kirt Nilsson - General Administration, Appointments to the Monroe City Utility Board-

Mayor commented that the cemetery look good for Memorial Day. After the bid opening the contract will need to be awarded soon so that there is time for the contractor to obtain bonding documents before the closing on June 4th. If we are unable to close on the June 4th we will not be able to close until sometime in July. Mayor suggested a special meeting for Thursday to award the bid – It was decided that a special meeting could be held at 3:30 p.m. at Jones & DeMille. There is a Council Of Governments meeting on June 4th at 7:00 p.m. they will be talking about Transportation Tax, which is a .25 % tax counties can charge and give to cities to help with their street maintenance. Cities cannot do this on their own it must be county wide.

Kamelle Gleave recently handed in her resignation as a planning commission member. With recent brain surgery her Dr. has recommended that she take time to let her brain to recover from such surgery. We will need to fill her vacancy soon.

Planning Chair Leon Stewart had recently asked to be replaced; however with Kamelle having to leave Mayor will visit with him to see if he will continue to serve on the commission.

Reported that the new fire truck is very nice and the fire department hopes to have it in service by June 4th.

R.K. Nielson and Mathew Mills have agreed to be members of the Utility Board.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made at 9:05 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by Council Member Perry Payne, seconded by Council Member Fran Washburn. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

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